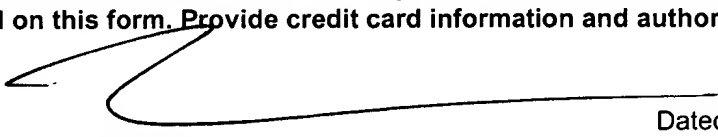
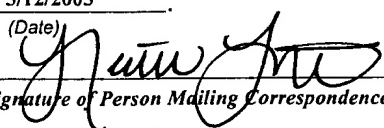


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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER</b> <b>(General - Patent Pending)</b>				<b>Docket No.</b> <b>112701-470</b>	
In Re: Application Of: <b>Thomas et al.</b>					
<b>Application No.</b> <b>09/898,255</b>	<b>Filing Date</b> <b>July 3, 2001</b>	<b>Examiner</b> <b>St. Cyr, Daniel</b>	<b>Customer No.</b> <b>29157</b>	<b>Group Art Unit</b> <b>2876</b>	<b>Confirmation No.</b> <b>1910</b>
<b>Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM OF SETTING AND/OR CONTROLLING OF A FOOD PRODUCT DISPENSING MACHINE USING A TAG-TYPE COMMUNICATION DEVICE</b>					
<b><u>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u></b>					
Transmitted herewith is:  <b>Combined Amendment and Petition for Extension of Time (2 pgs. in duplicate); Amendment (12 pgs.); Change of Correspondence Address (1 pg.); Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73 (b) (1 pg.); Power of Attorney to Prosecute Applications Before the USPTO (1 pg.); and return receipt postcard.</b>					
in the above identified application.					
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<b>Robert M. Barrett</b> <b>Reg. No. 30,142</b> <b>BELL BOYD &amp; LLOYD LLC</b> <b>P.O. Box 1135</b> <b>Chicago, Illinois 60690-1135</b> <b>Tel: (312) 807-4204</b>			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"><p>I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the "Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450" [37 CFR 1.8(a)] on</p><p style="text-align: center;"><u>5/12/2005</u> (Date)</p><p style="text-align: center;"> _____ <i>Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence</i></p><p style="text-align: center;"><b>Heather Foster</b> _____ <i>Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence</i></p></div>		
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**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF  
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Invention: **METHOD AND SYSTEM OF SETTING AND/OR CONTROLLING OF A FOOD PRODUCT DISPENSING  
MACHINE USING A TAG-TYPE COMMUNICATION DEVICE**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of December 17, 2004 in the above-identified application.  
*Date*

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☐ One month    ☒ Two months    ☐ Three months    ☐ Four months    ☐ Five months

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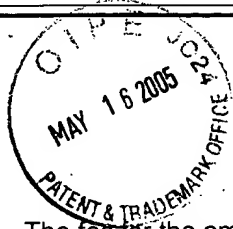
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